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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO GRANTS ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT FOR
PUBLIC DIPLOMACY PROGRAMS CABLE

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¶1. The following responses are keyed to reftel, paragraph 3:

- a) No. Generally, Post receives about \$35,000 a year in grants, which fall into three categories: Ambassador's small grants program, Ambassador's HIV/AIDS fund, and Ambassador's Fund for Cultural Preservation.
- b) No.
- c) Yes.
- d) Being written for other purposes; see a.
- e) The current grants workload is manageable; however, grants training and authority should be held by at least two officers at Post.

¶2. The following paragraph is keyed to reftel, paragraph 5:
Post needs a full time public diplomacy direct hire. Post's increased focus on public diplomacy under the "transformational diplomacy" has taken significant resources away from the Pol section.

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